

Amendments To The Claims

Please cancell claims 1 - 8, 10 - 28, and 30 - 42 and add new claims 43 - 70 as set forth in the following listing of claims, which will replace any listing of claims presently on file.

1 - 42 (Cancelled)

43. (New) A method for adaptive provisioning of an application on a terminal, the method executed on the terminal, comprising:

receiving the application and associated provisioning instructions, the provisioning instructions specifying provisioning operations to be performed;
determining one or more application programming interfaces (APIs) required to perform the provisioning instructions, each of the one or more APIs defining an interface for an API enabler to access an associated content type;
retrieving one or more API enablers, each API enabler implementing a respective API and providing functionality required to provision the application; and
executing the provisioning operations specified in the provisioning instructions, using the one or more API enablers, to provision the application in a runtime environment of the terminal.

44. (New) The method according to claim 43, wherein provisioning of the application is shared between the runtime environment and the application through the associated provisioning instructions.

45. (New) The method according to claim 43 wherein a provisioning service determines the one or more APIs required by the provisioning instructions.

46. (New) The method according to claim 45 further comprising:

the provisioning service customizing the provisioning of the application using a provisioning API set;
the provisioning API set comprising a plurality of APIs specified in the provisioning instructions.

47. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein the provisioning service customizes the provisioning of a plurality of applications using one or more provisioning API sets.

48. (New) The method according to claim 43, wherein the associated provisioning instructions are selected from the group comprising code, script, and configuration data.

49. (New) The method according to claim 43, wherein the associated provisioning instructions are stored separately from the application.

50. (New) The method according to claim 49 wherein receiving the provisioning instructions further comprises accessing a remote repository/database.

51. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein accessing includes querying a networked repository/database server.

52. (New) The method according to claim 43, wherein the terminal is selected from the group comprising wired devices and wireless devices.

53. (New) The method according to claim 43 wherein the API enabler is selected from the group comprising:
retrieved locally on the terminal by a provisioning service;
bundled with a content descriptor of the application; and
retrieved remotely from the terminal by the provisioning service.

54. (New) The method according to claim 43, wherein the APIs are defined by one or more entities to customize the provisioning process of the application according to requirements of the respective entity.

55. (New) The method according to claim 43, wherein a script interpreter executes the provisioning operations, and each of the one or more API enablers exposes the

respective API to the script interpreter, each API enabler implementing a service provider interface (SPI) to allow the API enabler to co-operate with the runtime environment to provide required functionality.

56. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein each of the one or more API enablers is associated with a specific content type used in provisioning the application.

57. (New) A terminal, including a computer processor and a computer readable storage memory, for adaptive provisioning of applications in a runtime environment, the terminal comprising:

- a provisioning service for provisioning a received application associated with provisioning instructions, the provisioning instructions specifying provisioning operations defined by one or more application programming interfaces (APIs), each of the one or more APIs defining an interface for an API enabler to access an associated content type, the provisioning service retrieving one or more API enablers, each API enabler implementing a respective API of the one or more APIs and providing functionality required to provision the application; and
- a script interpreter for executing the provisioning operations specified in the provisioning instructions using the one or more API enablers to provision the application in the runtime environment of the terminal.

58. (New) The terminal according to claim 57, wherein provisioning of the application is distributed between the runtime environment and the application through the associated provisioning instructions.

59. (New) The terminal according to claim 57, wherein the provisioning service is configured for customizing the provisioning of the application using a provisioning API set comprising a plurality of APIs specified in the provisioning instructions.

60. (New) The terminal according to claim 59, wherein the provisioning service customizes the provisioning of a plurality of applications using one or more provisioning API sets.

61. (New) The terminal according to claim 57, wherein the provisioning instructions are selected from the group comprising code, script, and configuration data.

62. (New) The terminal according to claim 57, wherein the provisioning instructions are stored separately from the application.

63. (New) The terminal according to claim 57, wherein the provisioning instructions are accessed from a remote repository/database. .

64. (New) The terminal according to claim 63, wherein the remote access of the provisioning instructions is performed by querying a network repository/database server.

65. (New) The terminal according to claim 57, wherein the terminal is selected from the group comprising wired devices and wireless devices.

66. (New) The terminal according to claim 57, wherein the API enabler is selected from the group comprising:
retrieved locally on the terminal by a provisioning service;
bundled with a content descriptor of the application; and
retrieved remotely from the terminal by the provisioning service.

67. (New) The terminal according to claim 57, wherein the provisioning instructions comprise a plurality of provisioning operations defined by one or more entities in order to allow a respective entity to customize the provisioning process of the application according to the requirements of the respective entity.

68. (New) The terminal according to claim 57, wherein each of the one or more API enablers is associated with a specific content type used in provisioning the application.

69. (New) The terminal according to claim 57, wherein the script interpreter executes the provisioning operations and each of the one or more API enablers expose the respective API to the script interpreter, each API enabler implementing a service provider interface (SPI) to allow the API enabler to co-operate with the runtime environment to provide the functionality required.

70. (New) A computer program product storing instructions for execution by a terminal, the instructions for configuring the terminal to provide:

- a provisioning service for provisioning a received application associated with provisioning instructions, the provisioning instructions specifying provisioning operations defined by one or more application programming interfaces (APIs), each of the one or more APIs defining an interface for an API enabler to access an associated content type, the provisioning service retrieving one or more API enablers, each API enabler implementing a respective API of the one or more APIs and providing functionality required to provision the application; and
- a script interpreter for executing the provisioning operations specified in the provisioning instructions using the one or more API enablers to provision the application in the runtime environment of the terminal.